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USER'S GUIDE



VR639HF

SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING

To reduce risk of fire or shock hazard, do not expose this product to rain or moisture.

WARNING

RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN

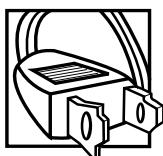
This symbol indicates important instructions accompanying the product.

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.



This symbol indicates "dangerous voltage" inside the product that presents a risk of electric shock or personal injury.

Cautions



Caution: To reduce the risk of electric shock, match the wide blade of the power cord to the wide slot in the AC outlet. Be sure to insert the plug completely.

Attention: Pour éviter les chocs électriques, introduire la lame la plus large de la fiche dans la borne correspondante de la prise et pousser jusqu'au fond.

Refer to the identification/rating label located on the back panel of your product for its proper operating voltage.

FCC Regulations state that unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment may void the user's authority to operate it.

Cable TV Installer: This reminder is provided to call your attention to Article 820-40 of the National Electrical Code (Section 54 of the Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1) which provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

Care and Cleaning:

Use a soft cloth or the dusting attachment of your vacuum cleaner to dust your VCR. Remove dust from both top and bottom ventilation holes.

Plastic surfaces are easily scratched and can be marred by alcohol and various solvents. Avoid excessive use of oil-based furniture polishes since the materials used in the cabinet will accumulate more dust. A nonabrasive, antistatic cleaner/polisher is recommended.

Product Registration

Please fill out the product registration card and return it immediately. Returning the card allows us to contact you if needed.

Keep your sales receipt to obtain warranty parts and service and for proof of purchase. Attach it here and record the serial and model numbers in case you need them. The numbers are located on the back of the receiver.

Model No. VR639HF

Serial No. _____

Purchase Date: _____

Dealer/Address/Phone: _____

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW VCR...

To help you get started using your VCR with as little reading as possible, we've put all the basic information needed in the first three sections. To help you along. To help you out, there's even an initial set-up feature the first time you turn on your VCR which walks you through several set up steps at once.

GETTING STARTED

Before this first step, though, learning about the time and date, your remote control's features, working with channels, and basic video tape operations are essential to get all you can out of the VCR. Once you are comfortable with these features, feel free to refer to other sections because they cover the more detailed information.

WHAT REMAINS?

The final sections of this manual contain playback and recording information, a detailed connections section, and a reference section including troubleshooting tips, warranty information, and an index.

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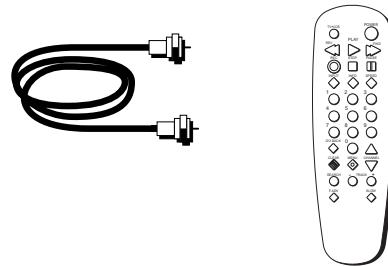
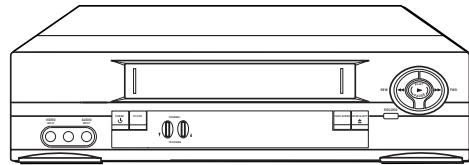
These note boxes give you tips for your new video cassette recorder.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

STEP 1: WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

The following items come packed in the box:

- VCR
- Remote control
- RF coaxial cable



STEP 2: INSTALL BATTERIES IN THE REMOTE CONTROL

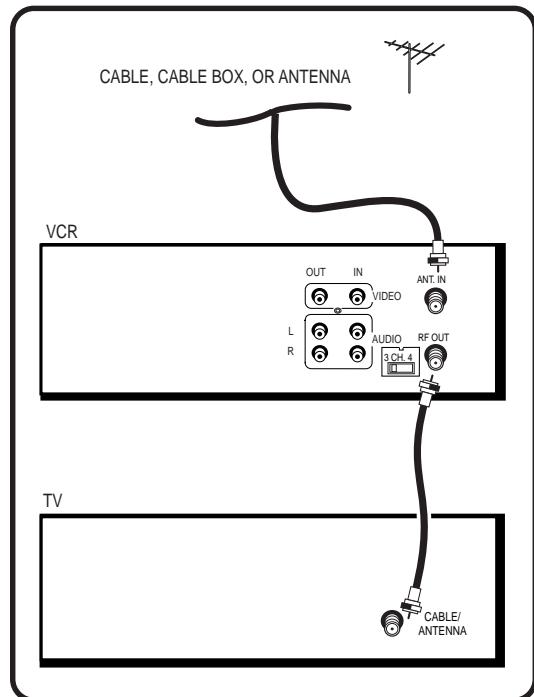
Follow these steps whenever you need to install or change the batteries in your VCR remote.

1. Remove the cover of the battery compartment.
2. Place the batteries into the remote's back panel. Match the positive (+) and negative (-) ends of each battery to the diagram inside the battery compartment.
3. Replace the cover.

STEP 3: CONNECT YOUR VCR

If you connect your VCR to your home antenna or cable system and then to your TV, use the VCR's ANT IN and RF OUT jacks for a good signal as shown to the right.

If you have a TV with AUDIO/VIDEO jacks, use the jacks for a better connection. Refer to the section, *Connections*, toward the back of the manual, for additional connection options.



STEP 4: PLUG IN THE VCR

Your VCR's power cord has a plastic band strung through the blades. **Remove plastic band before plugging the cord into the power outlet.** To remove band, cut with a pair of scissors and pull it free of the blades. Once the plastic is removed, match the wide blade of the power cord to the wide slot in the AC outlet. Be sure to insert the plug completely.

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STEP 5: TUNE THE TV

Tune the TV to the VCR viewing channel. The VCR viewing channel is channel 3 or 4 or the TV's video input.

- If you connect your VCR using the ANTENNA connectors with RF coaxial cable, set the 3 CH. 4 switch to channel 3 or channel 4 — the channel you want to use on your TV.
- If you connect your VCR using the AUDIO/VIDEO jacks with audio/video cables, select the TV's video input with the remote control's INPUT button to see the signal. If you have trouble understanding the VIDEO INPUT CHANNEL, look to page 62 for a more detailed explanation.

STEP 6: TURN ON THE VCR

Press POWER on the VCR's front panel or the VCR button on the remote control to turn on the VCR. The first time you turn the VCR on, a menu screen appears. This is the start of an initial set up which helps you set different options for your VCR.

STEP 7: INITIAL SETUP

The first on-screen menu during the initial set up asks which language you prefer to use for your VCR. Use the remote control's number buttons to select options.

Select a language.
Seleccione un idioma.
Choisissez une langue.

1 English
2 Espanol
3 Francais

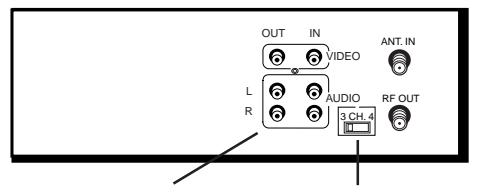
1. Press 1 for English, 2 for Espanol (Spanish), or 3 for Francais (French).

The remaining menus throughout the set up will appear in the chosen language. Just follow the step-by-step procedures until setup is complete.

If the menu does not appear:

- Make sure the TV is tuned to the same channel as the 3 CH 4 switch or the TV's video line input (see page 62 for more information).

VCR Viewing Channel



A/V input/output jacks

Channel 3/4 switch

When using the ANT IN and RF OUT jacks to connect your VCR, tune your TV to channel 3 or 4.

The 3-4 switch on the back of the VCR determines which TV channel is used to see VCR output.

When using the AUDIO/VIDEO jacks to connect your VCR, tune your TV to the TV's video input channel with the INPUT button on your remote control. For more information about selecting your video input channel, see page 62.

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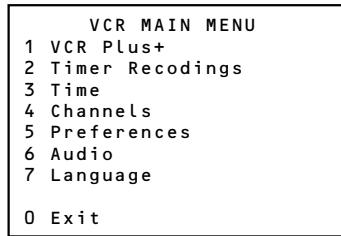
- Make sure the VCR indicator is on in the VCR display if you connected your VCR using the ANT IN and RF OUT jacks.
- Check your connections.

If you chose to set up your VCR options individually, then go to the next section.

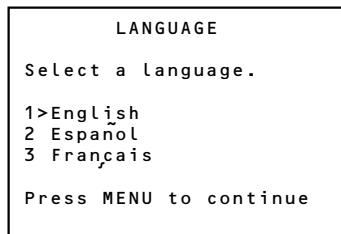
STEP 8: ACCESS THE MENUS

The MENU and number buttons let you access, select, and change your VCR's preferences. For example, to select a different preferred on-screen language than the one you selected during the initial set up, do the following:

1. Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.



2. Press 7 to display the LANGUAGE menu.



3. On the remote control, press 1 for English, 2 for Español (Spanish), or 3 for Français (French).

All other on-screen menus are worked within similar ways using the remote control to follow on-screen instructions. See *Additional Set-Up Features* in the next section for detailed information about accessing menus.

NEXT SECTION: THE MENUS OF YOUR VCR

Now that you understand how to move around through menus, go to the next section to set up individual menus of your VCR.

SETTING UP THE VCR

ON-SCREEN GUIDE AND ADDITIONAL SET-UP FEATURES

Below is a list of set-up features that you need to set up before using your VCR for the first time.

- Select a Language
- Set Up for a Cable Box
- Set Up a VCR Channel List (Auto Channel Search)
- Auto Clock Set Feature
- Set Time and Date Manually
- Set Up VCR Plus+ Channels
- Set the Remote VCR1/VCR2 Feature
- Set the Auto Play Feature
- Set the EnergySaver Feature
- Set Front Panel Brightness Feature
- Set the Preferred Tape Speed Feature

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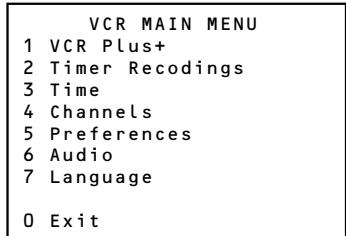
USING THE MENU TO SET UP FEATURES

You can set up your VCR's features by using the remote control's buttons to enter your choices from on-screen instructions. Each menu item is explained in this section.

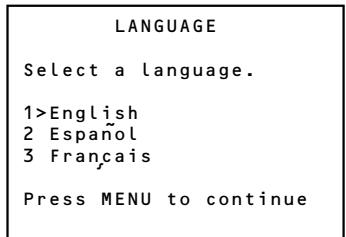
You can set up features individually by using the menu system. Each feature that appears in the initial set up is explained in this section as well as a few others you may want to set up before you begin using your VCR.

LANGUAGE SELECTION

1. On your remote control, press the MENU button to display the VCR MAIN MENU.



2. Press 7 to select the LANGUAGE menu.



3. Select English, Espanol (Spanish), or Francais (French) by pressing the appropriate number on the remote control's key pad.

On-Screen Menus

Not all the VCR screens are shown in this manual when explaining the features.

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CABLE BOX SETUP

This setup applies only when all channels are received through a cable box. In this case, the VCR will automatically enter the channel used to view cable box programming. Your VCR will use this channel for all future timer recordings.

1. Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.

```
VCR MAIN MENU
1 VCR Plus+
2 Timer Recordings
3 Time
4 Channels
5 Preferences
6 Audio
7 Language
0 Exit
```

2. Press 4 to display the CHANNELS menu.

```
CHANNELS
1 Auto Channel Search
2 Add/Remove Channels
3 Signal Type: CABLE
4 VCR Plus+ Channel List
5 Cable Box Setup
0 Exit
```

3. Press 5 to display CABLE BOX SETUP. Then select one of the three choices:

```
CABLE BOX SETUP
Do you use your cable
box to receive ALL
channels or only SOME
Channels?
1 ALL channels
2 Only SOME channels
3 Cancel setup
```

4. If you selected ALL channels, enter the output channel of your cable box (usually 03 or 04), or press INPUT for video line input if you use AUDIO/VIDEO jacks. Then, press MENU.

```
CABLE BOX SETUP
On what channel does
the VCR receive signals
from the cable box?
(usually 3, 4, or Video)
--
Enter 01-13 or INPUT
Press MENU to cancel
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Cable Box Setup

ALL channels: enter two numbers for output channel of your cable box or press INPUT if you connect your cable box with AUDIO/VIDEO jacks.

Only SOME channels: if you only use the cable box to tune premium channels.

Cancel setup: select to cancel.

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CABLE BOX SETUP
On what channel does
the VCR receive signals
from the cable box?
(usually 3, 4 or video)

04

Press CLEAR to correct
Press MENU to continue

- Once you complete the setup, the VCR confirms that the VCR will now receive all signals on the designated channel.
For example:

CABLE BOX SETUP
The VCR will now
receive all signals
from the cable box
on channel 04.

Press MENU to continue

VCR CHANNELS LIST

If you use a cable box for *all channels*, this step is not necessary. Your VCR may come with a channel list preset at the factory, but you may want to add or delete some channels depending on whether they are active.

TO AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH

- Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.

VCR MAIN MENU
1 VCR Plus+
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3 Time
4 Channels
5 Preferences
6 Audio
7 Language
0 Exit

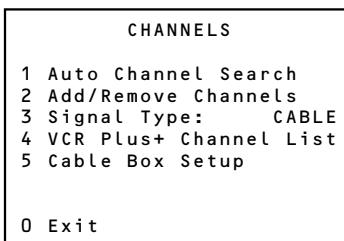
- Press 4 to display the CHANNELS menu.

Auto Channel Search

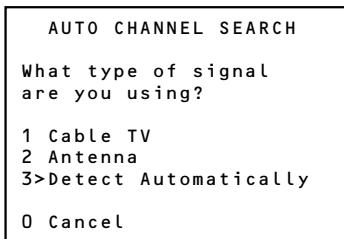
Use the Auto Channel Search feature to place all available channels in memory.

If you ever change cable or antenna signals, you may need to Auto Channel Search again.

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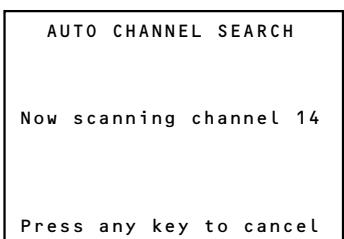


3. Press 1 to display the AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH menu.



4. Select one of the three AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH options:

- *Cable TV* searches for cable channels
- *Antenna* searches for local broadcast stations
- *Detect Automatically* will make this decision for you



The VCR begins scanning for the available channels—this takes about one to two minutes. When the scan is complete, the VCR tunes to the lowest channel number. At this point, pressing CHAN up or down on the remote control or VCR should only select the active channels.

Detect Automatically

A strong cable or antenna signal in your area may cause Auto Detect to mis-detect. If this should happen, select 1 or 2 for the system you have.

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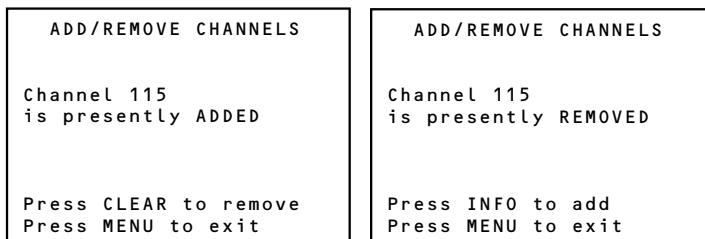
CHANGING THE SIGNAL TYPE

1. Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.
2. Press 4 to display the CHANNELS menu.
3. Press 3 to change the Signal Type between CABLE and ANTENNA.

ADDING OR REMOVING CHANNELS

You may want to add or remove channels after you Auto Channel Search, especially if some of the channels have weak signals or you don't want to watch them.

1. Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.
2. Press 4 to display the CHANNELS menu.
3. Press 2 to display the ADD/REMOVE CHANNELS screen. Use the CHAN up or down keys on the remote or number buttons to go to the channels you want to remove or add.



4. When at the channel, it will be added if not already on the list or deleted if it was. If the channel was added, you can press CLEAR to remove it. If the channel was deleted, you can press INFO to add.

TIME AND DATE

The VCR gives you two ways to set the time and date—manually, and the Auto Clock Feature. The Auto Clock Feature enables the VCR to update the clock each time the VCR is turned off. The Auto Clock is advantageous because it updates the time for you automatically.

Before you set the time and date, set the Auto DST (Daylight-Saving Time) feature to ON or OFF for your area.

Selecting Channels

The Channel up and down buttons access those channels active in your VCR channel list.

You can still access channels not on the channel list by using the number buttons on the remote control.

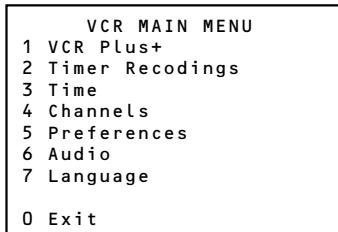
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AUTO CLOCK SET

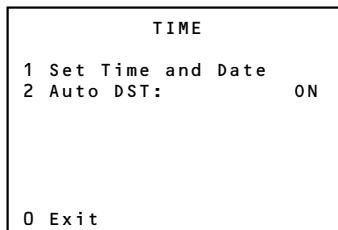
The Auto Clock Set feature is set to ON at the factory. In the ON setting, the VCR looks for a channel carrying XDS (Extended Data Services) information. XDS updates the clock using the Coordinated Universal Time. To use this automatic feature, certain steps are required such as Auto Channel Search, setting the time zone, and setting the Daylight Saving feature before the Auto Clock feature works.

SETTING THE TIME ZONE

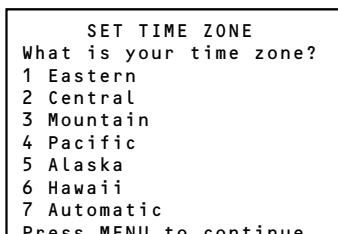
1. Press MENU on the remote control to display the VCR Main Menu.



2. Press 3 to display TIME menu



3. Press 3 to display the SET TIME ZONE screen.



4. Select your time zone, then press MENU to continue.

If you chose AUTOMATIC for your time zone, the VCR sets the clock using the first Coordinated Universal Time information it finds. If the time is not correct, select another time zone or manually set the time and date through the menu system.

Auto Clock Information

With a cable box, the VCR will not reset the clock after a power outage unless the cable box is set to the channel carrying the XDS signal.

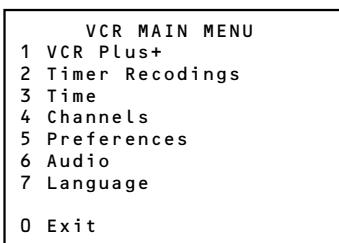
If AUTO CLOCK SET is unsuccessful, try tuning the VCR (or cable box) to a channel carrying the broadcast information (usually PBS), then turn the VCR off. If the time does not set within 10 minutes, set the time and date manually through the menus.

Check your local cable system or TV stations for availability of channels with XDS.

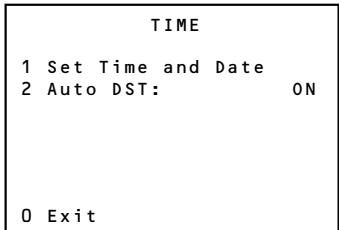
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SETTING DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME

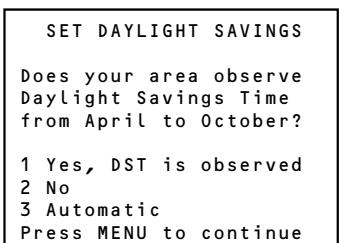
1. Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.



2. Press 3 to display the TIME menu.



3. Press 4 to display the SET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS menu.



4. Select one of the options and then press MENU to continue.

- DST stands for "Daylight Saving Time."
- If you chose AUTOMATIC, the VCR sets the clock using the DST information broadcast in the signal (channel).

Spring forward, Fall backward

In the Spring, daylight-saving time begins on the first Sunday in April. Because the clock automatically changes from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. (forward one hour), including the extra hour for timer recording within this time frame is necessary.

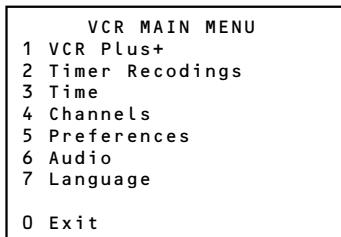
In the Fall, Daylight-Saving time ends on the last Sunday in October. The VCR clock automatically changes from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m. (back one hour). Therefore, it can affect your recording length.

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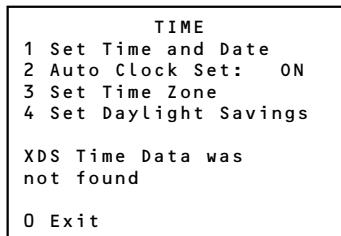
SETTING TIME AND DATE MANUALLY

If the AUTO CLOCK SET was unsuccessful, set the clock through the TIME menu option. The AUTO CLOCK SET feature is set to OFF automatically when you set the clock this way.

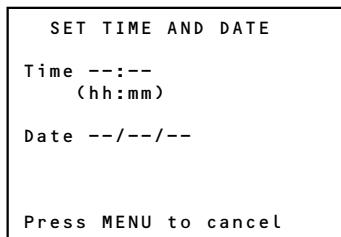
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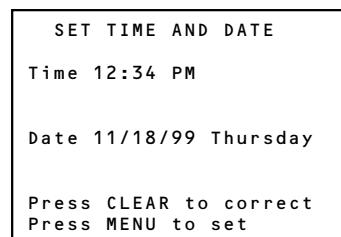
2. Press 3 to display the TIME menu.



3. Press 1 to display the SET TIME AND DATE menu.



4. Enter the data using the number buttons. Press 0 before single-digit numbers and follow the on-screen directions.



Time/Date Display

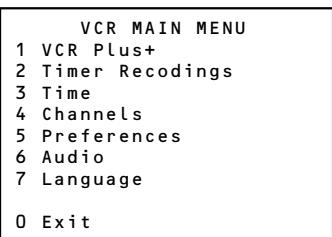
Pressing INFO on the remote displays the time and date on the screen.

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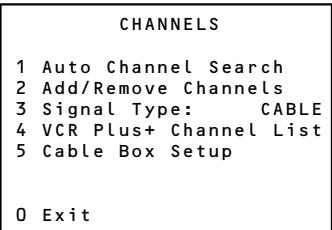
VCR Plus+ SYSTEM CHANNELS

Using the VCR Plus+ system can make programming timer recordings for cable or off-air antenna easier, but you have to put in a little time right now to set up a channel list. A worksheet and abbreviated codes for typical cable services in the United States and Canada are provided.

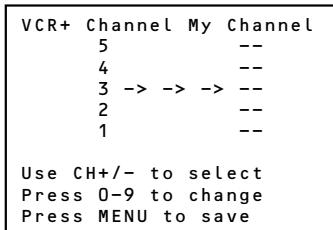
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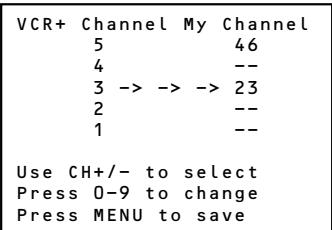
2. Press 4 to display the CHANNELS menu.



3. Press 4 to display the VCR PLUS+ CHANNEL LIST menu.



4. Enter the data following the on-screen directions using your worksheet.



(Screen shown is for an example only)

Two-Digit VCR Plus+ System Channel Numbers for Cable TV (USA List)

35	American Movie Classics
39	Arts & Entertainment
57	Black Entertainment
54	Bravo
42	Cable News Network
45	Cinemax
98	Cinemax 2
37	The Discovery Channel
53	The Disney Channel
63	Entertainment Television
34	ESPN Sports Network
47	The Family Channel
33	Home Box Office
95	Home Box Office 2
96	Home Box Office 3
51	The Learning Channel
46	Lifetime
58	The Movie Channel
48	Music Television
49	The Nashville Network
38	Nickelodeon
64	Nostalgia Television
99	Quality Value Cable
41	Showtime
97	Showtime 2
59	Sports Channel
52	Turner Network Television
44	USA-Network
62	Video Hits 1
93	Viewer's Choice 1
94	Viewer's Choice 2
55	WGN Chicago
43	WTBS Atlanta
60	WWOR-New York

See next page for Canadian List

VCR Plus+ System Channel List

Refer to your local television list for a complete VCR Plus+ channel list for your viewing area or contact your cable company. Using the list may save you some time.

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VCR Plus+ SYSTEM WORKSHEET

Two-Digit VCR Plus+ System Channel Numbers for Cable TV (Canadian List)

- | | |
|----|--|
| 67 | Allarcom Pay Television/
Superchannel |
| 44 | Arts & Entertainment |
| 72 | Cable News Network-
Headline News |
| 61 | Cable News Network |
| 70 | Canadian Home Shopping
Network |
| 56 | Canal Famille |
| 69 | Cathay International
Television Inc. |
| 68 | Chinavision Canada Corp |
| 60 | Country Music Television |
| 63 | Family Channel |
| 62 | First Choice |
| 96 | First Choice Two |
| 97 | First Choice Three |
| 99 | First Choice Four |
| 90 | House of Commons |
| 91 | La Chaine Francaise |
| 51 | The Learning Channel |
| 65 | MeteoMedia/The Weather
Network |
| 48 | MuchMusic Network |
| 55 | MusiquePlus |
| 52 | Nashville Network |
| 73 | Newsworld/CBC |
| 53 | Le Reseau des Sports |
| 43 | The Sports Network |
| 64 | Super Ecran |
| 37 | Super Ecran B |
| 98 | Super Ecran C |
| 66 | Telatino Network |
| 46 | TV5 Montreal |
| 92 | Viewer's Choice 1 |
| 93 | Viewer's Choice 2 |
| 94 | Viewer's Choice 3 |
| 95 | Viewer's Choice 4 |
| 71 | Vision TV: Canada's
Faith Network |
| 38 | Youth TV, Canada Inc. |

**Check your local or cable listings for the channel number you receive this station on.*

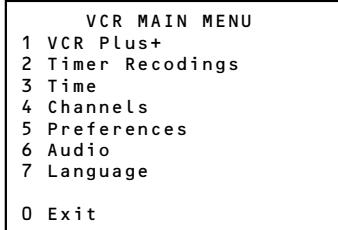
****Check your local listings for broadcast or VCR Plus+ channel number assigned.**

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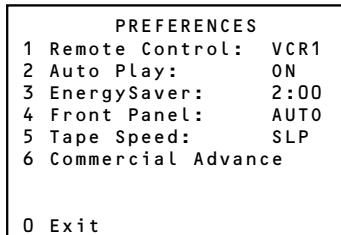
ADDITIONAL SET-UP FEATURES IN THE PREFERENCES MENU

The features in this section are all accessed through the PREFERENCES menu.

1. Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.



2. Press 5 to display the PREFERENCES menu.

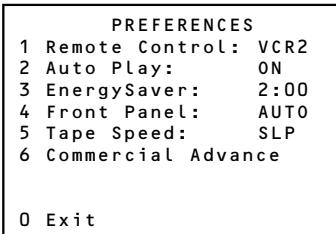
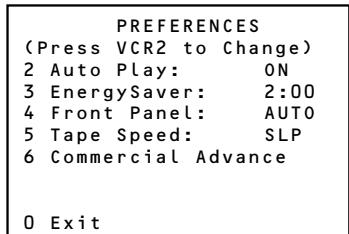


Now you are ready to select an item from the menu to set up.

REMOTE VCR1/VCR2 OPTION

If you own a compatible RCA, GE, or ProScan remote that has a VCR2, VCR2•LD, or VCR2•DVD button, this feature allows you to set this VCR to respond to that button.

In the PREFERENCES menu, press 1 to select REMOTE CONTROL. With the compatible remote control, press the VCR2, VCR2•LD, or VCR2•DVD button to change which remote controls the VCR.



Remote Control Option

Changing the remote option to VCR2 disables the remote that came with your VCR.

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The VCR will only respond to the compatible remote's VCR2, VCR2•LD, or VCR2•DVD button. If the PREFERENCES setting is changed to VCR2, the remote that came with your VCR will no longer control it.

To change the setting back to VCR1, allowing the original remote control which came with your VCR to control the unit, use the compatible remote to display the PREFERENCES menu. Press 1, and then press the VCR button on the original remote control.

AUTO PLAY

This feature allows the VCR to automatically start playing a tape when inserting a tape with the safety tab removed. In the PREFERENCES menu, press 2 to switch between ON and OFF.

- Select ON if you want a tape with its safety tab removed to start playing automatically when inserted in the VCR.
- Select OFF if you *do not* want a tape with its safety tab removed to start playing automatically.

ENERGYSAYER

By default, this VCR automatically turns off after two hours of inactivity. To change the time delay, or to disable the feature, Press 3 in the PREFERENCES menu to switch between ON and OFF.

- OFF means the VCR will remain turned on until you shut it off.
- 1:00, 2:00, or 3:00 means the VCR turns off after one, two, or three hours of inactivity respectively.

Thirty seconds before shutting off, the VCR will warn you with a screen reading, "The VCR will turn off in 30 seconds. Press any key to cancel."

If you use the VCR's tuner instead of your TV to tune channels, you may want to turn this feature off.

PREFERENCES	
1 Remote Control:	VCR2
2 Auto Play:	ON
3 EnergySaver:	2:00
4 Front Panel:	AUTO
5 Tape Speed:	SLP
6 Commercial Advance	
0 Exit	

The PREFERENCES menu allows access to many VCR options including remote control, Auto Play, and EnergySaver features.

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FRONT PANEL BRIGHTNESS

You can change the brightness level of the fluorescent display panel on the front of the VCR. In the PREFERENCES menu, press 4 to switch between the options.

- AUTO brightens the display when the VCR is on and dims the display when the VCR is off.
- BRIGHT keeps the display bright when the VCR is on or off.
- DIM keeps the display at a low brightness level at all times.

PREFERRED TAPE SPEED

You can set the preferred tape speed between Standard Play (SP) and Super Long Play (SLP). In the PREFERENCES menu, press 5 to switch between the options.

- SP sets the preferred recording speed to SP.
- SLP sets the preferred recording speed to SLP.

Tape Speeds

SP (Standard Play)

Gives the best quality recording, but fewer programs can be recorded on the tape. Special effects such as pause, slow motion, picture search, and frame advance work best when you play back tapes recorded in this speed.

SLP (Super Long Play)

Gives approximately three times the recording time of tapes recorded in SP. Special effects such as pause, slow motion, picture search, and frame advance work well when you play back tapes recorded in this speed.

Approximate Recording Times:

Cassette	SP	SLP
T-120	2 Hr	6 Hr
T-160	2 Hr/40 Min	8 Hr

VCR BASICS

LEARNING THE BASICS TO GET YOU STARTED

These VCR basics should be enough for you to begin enjoying your VCR. Learning the remote control functions, playing a recorded tape, and recording a program should do just that.

This section shows you the basics of using your VCR. It discusses things like using the remote control, playing a tape, and recording programs.

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VCR Basics tells you what you need to know in order to watch a movie or tape your favorite show.

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REMOTE BUTTONS

(In alphabetical order)

CHANNEL Up or Down Selects next higher or lower channel in the VCR's channel memory.

CLEAR Resets time counter to 0:00:00. Allows you to change entries when setting the clock or a timer recording.

F.ADV Lets you view one frame with each press of the button when tape is in pause.

FWD Fast forwards the tape when the VCR is stopped. Searches forward through a tape during playback. Starts slow motion during play-pause and increases slow-motion speed.

GO BACK Switches between two channels. Select one channel and then select another using the number buttons. Press GO BACK to switch between the two channels. In menu mode, press to go back to the previous menu.

INFO Shows the status displays on the TV screen.

INPUT Selects between the line input and the VCR's tuner. Line input refers to the signal coming from the component connected to the AUDIO/VIDEO IN jacks on the back of the VCR. See page 62 for more information about the line input.

MENU Brings up VCR MAIN MENU on the TV screen.

Numbers (0 through 9) Select a channel up to 99 by pressing two numbers. Select a cable channel over 99 by pressing and holding 1 until 1 -- appears on the screen. Then press the other two numbers.

PAUSE Pauses playback or recording. Press PAUSE again to return to playback or recording.

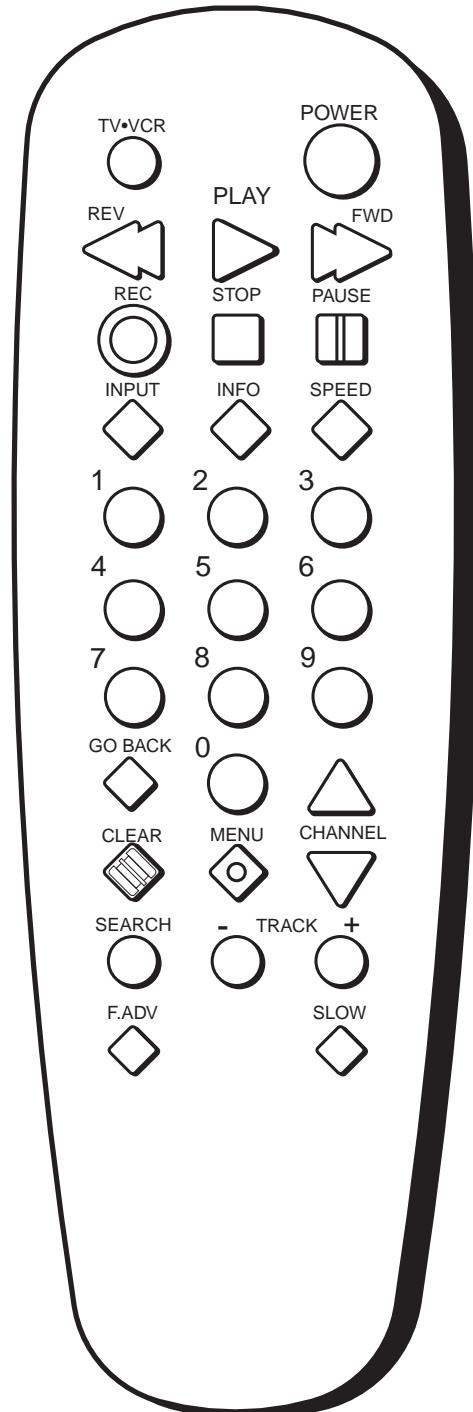
PLAY Plays a tape.

POWER Turns the VCR on or off.

REC Starts VCR recording. Also used for express recording.

REV Rewinds the tape when the VCR is stopped. Searches backward through a tape during playback. Starts slow motion during play-pause and decreases slow-motion speed.

SEARCH Displays INDEX and GO-TO Search menus on TV screen when VCR is stopped. Advances the tape 30 seconds of recorded



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material during playback. Each press advances the tape an additional 30 seconds up to five minutes.

SLOW Used for slow-motion playback.

SPEED Selects a recording speed (SP or SLP).

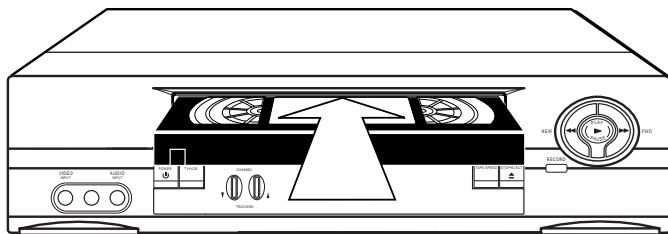
STOP Stops the current VCR function such as record, playback, rewind, or fast forward. This button also ejects a tape if pressed and held for three seconds.

TRACK - or + Lets you manually reduce the streaks that may appear on the picture during play, slow motion, or pause. Reduces picture "jitter" during stop-action playback.

TV•VCR Switches the picture signal so that it either comes from the VCR or cable/antenna system.

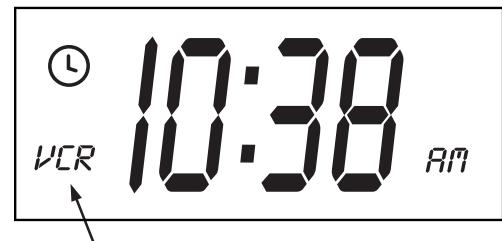
PLAYING A TAPE

1. Tune the TV to your VCR viewing channel (3, 4, or TV's video input) and hit the TV•VCR button on the remote so that the VCR display appears on the VCR's front panel.
2. Insert a tape in the VCR.



The tape automatically begins playback (if the safety tab on the cassette is removed).

- Press FWD or REV to position the tape.
- Press PLAY•PAUSE (if necessary) on the VCR (PLAY on remote) to begin tape play.
- Press PLAY•PAUSE (PAUSE on remote) for stop action.
- Press TRACK minus (-) or plus (+) to remove any streaks from the picture, if necessary.
- Press STOP•EJECT on VCR (STOP on remote) to stop playback.



The VCR display indicates that the unit is in VCR mode, suitable to watch a tape.

Pause

If you pause, the VCR automatically switches from pause to stop after a few minutes to reduce tape wear.

Automatic Tracking

The VCR has automatic tracking which adjusts the picture when playing back a tape recorded on another VCR. Automatic tracking is turned on whenever a tape is inserted or the VCR's power is turned on.

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AUTOMATIC REWIND

The VCR automatically rewinds a tape if it reaches the end of the tape during playback. While rewinding, you can press the POWER button on the remote and the VCR will turn off after rewinding.

TAPE EJECT

Press STOP•EJECT on the VCR (STOP on the remote) when a tape is stopped to eject it. A tape can be ejected even when the VCR is turned off.

RECORDING

If you want to record something that you're watching, you can use basic recording methods:

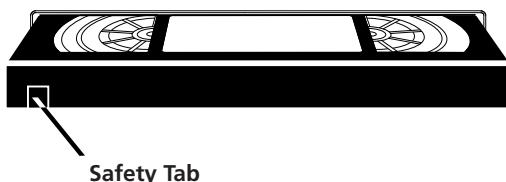
1. Set the tape speed by pressing the SPEED button on the remote to change between SP and SLP
2. Press the RECORD button (REC on the remote) to begin recording
3. Press STOP to stop recording.

If you just want to pause the recording for a short time (such as during a commercial), press PAUSE instead of STOP. To resume recording again, press either PAUSE or REC.

CHECK THE SAFETY TAB

No matter how you record, you need to make sure there is a tape in the VCR, and that the safety tab on the tape is not removed. You cannot record on a tape whose safety tab is missing.

If the safety tab is removed and you want to record over it, simply cover the space with vinyl tape.



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SEVERAL RECORDING OPTIONS

Now that you've gone through the basic steps necessary to operate your VCR, it's time to explain the different advanced recording features available to suit your needs.

Recording Features on your VCR include:

- Recording (explained in the *VCR Basics* section)
- Express Recording (XPR)
- Timer Recording
- Timer Recording with VCR Plus+ Interactive Program Guide System
- Broadcast Stereo or Second Audio Program (SAP)
- Audio Only Recording
- Copying and Editing Tapes

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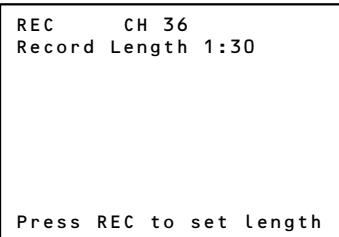
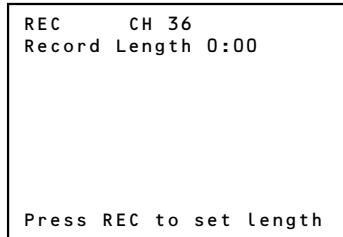
There are four ways to record programs:

- **Recording-** pressing one button to start recording a program (see *VCR Basics* section)
- **Express Recording-** starts recording a program already being watched, and automatically stopping recording after a designated period of time
- **Timer Recording-** automatically starts and stops a recording at a predetermined time
- **Timer Recording with VCR Plus+ System-** programming the VCR by just entering a PlusCode programming number found in TV guides.

EXPRESS RECORDING (XPR)

Use express recording when you want to quickly record the remaining portion of the program you are watching.

1. Set the tape speed to SP or SLP by pressing the SPEED button on the remote control.
2. Press the RECORD button (REC on the remote) to begin recording.
3. Repeatedly press the RECORD button to set up the recording time duration.



Each time you press the RECORD button, you increase the recording time (up to 4 hours).

The VCR continues to record for the amount of time you indicate, and then automatically turns off.

To stop an express recording, press and hold STOP for three seconds.

Express Recording

Express recording is a great way to tape the last quarter of the game, or the last part of a movie when you have to leave.

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TIMER RECORDING

You can set up as many as eight timer recording programs.

1. Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.

```
VCR MAIN MENU
1 VCR Plus+
2 Timer Recordings
3 Time
4 Channels
5 Preferences
6 Audio
7 Language
0 Exit
```

2. Press 2 to display the TIMER RECORDINGS menu.

```
TIMER RECORDINGS
1 Create a New Program
2 Review Existing Progs.
3 Use VCR PLUS+ Code
0 Exit
```

3. Select 1 to Create a New Program.

```
How often should this
program record?
1 One time
2 Daily (every day)
3 Weekdays (M-F)
4 Weekly (once per week)
0 Cancel
```

4. Select how often you want the program to record.

```
Program 1 (One time)
Channel --
Start Time --:--
End Time --:--
Start Date --/--/--
Tape Speed SLP

Press MENU to cancel
```

5. Enter the data for the program with the number buttons.

The data includes the channel number (press INPUT to select the line input), start time, and end time (including AM or PM). The start date is automatically entered based on the VCR clock. The date and/or speed can be changed when flashing.

Timer Recording Information

The Clock must be set correctly.

Insert a tape with the safety tab in place and enough tape to record the program.

"PROGRAMS OVERLAP" appears if you have entered two programs whose times overlap.

The TIMER indicator appears in the display when you turn off the VCR and a timer recording has been set. It flashes if there is no tape in the VCR.

When recording from a cable box or satellite receiver, turn on that unit and tune it to the channel you want to record *before* the recording is to begin. The VCR channel should be set to the cable box's output channel (usually Channel 3 or 4).

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6. Review the information to make sure it is correct, and then press MENU to save.

Program 1 (One Time)
Channel 104 Cable
Start Time 08:00 PM
End Time 09:30 PM
Start Date 11/18/99 THU
Tape Speed SLP

Press CLEAR to correct
Press MENU for next prog

Program 1 has been saved

Remember to insert a recordable tape and turn the VCR off before the program start time.

Remember to leave your cable box on and tuned to the desired channel

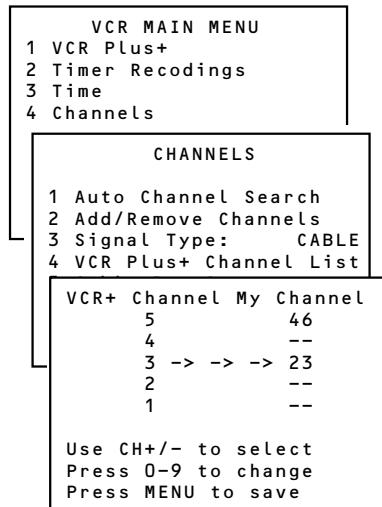
TIMER RECORDING WITH THE VCR Plus+ INTERACTIVE PROGRAM GUIDE SYSTEM

You can use the VCR Plus+ system code numbers to simplify timer programming if you have cable TV and don't receive all channels through a cable box, or if you receive your TV signal off-air.

SETTING UP THE CHANNEL LIST

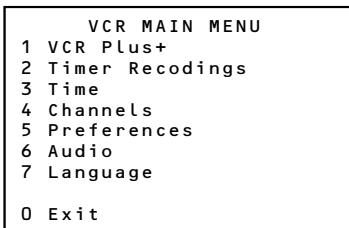
If you did not set up the VCR Plus+ programming system channel list, you can do it now.

1. Display the CHANNELS menu from the VCR MAIN MENU
2. Display the VCR Plus+ Channel List menu
3. Go to section four, *Setting Up Your VCR*, if you need more information on setting up your VCR Plus+ programming system channel list.



USING THE VCR Plus+ SYSTEM

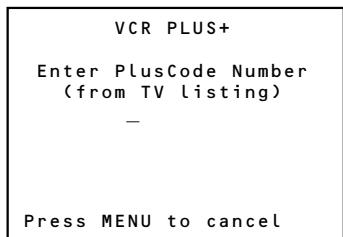
1. Press MENU to bring up the VCR MAIN MENU.



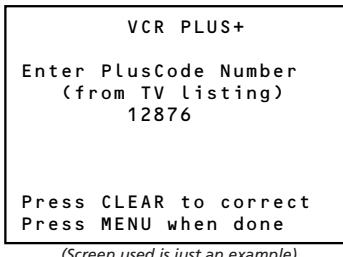
2. Press 1 to display the VCR Plus+ system menu.

If you receive all channels through your cable box on Channel 3 or 4, you must use the regular Timer Recording method to record programs.

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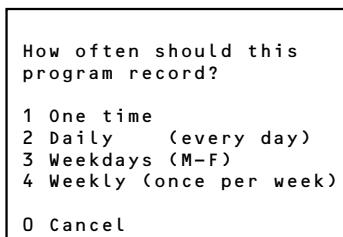


3. Enter the VCR PlusCode programming number shown in your local television guide.

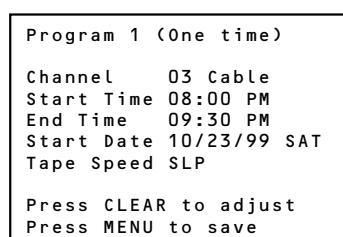


(Screen used is just an example)

4. Press MENU to enter the VCR PlusCode system number.



5. Indicate how often you want the program to be recorded.



6. Change the recording speed with the SPEED button on the remote or the program end time with the CLEAR button on the remote (if necessary).

Changing the end time comes in handy when you are recording a program, such as a sporting event, that may exceed the scheduled broadcast time.

VCR Plus+ Interactive Program Guide System Recording

Clock must be set correctly.

Insert a tape with the safety tab in place and enough tape to record the program.

The **TIMER** indicator appears in the display when you turn off the VCR and a timer recording has been set. It flashes if there is no tape in the VCR.

PROGRAMS OVERLAP appears if you have entered two programs where the times overlap.

UNRECOGNIZED NUMBER... PLEASE RE-ENTER appears when the VCR does not recognize the PlusCode programming system number.

Timer recordings will not be lost in the event of an extended power outage.

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7. Press MENU to save the program.

```
Program 1 has been saved  
Remember to insert a recordable tape and turn the VCR off before the program start time.  
Remember to leave your cable box on and tuned to the desired channel
```

STOPPING A TIMER RECORDING

To stop or cancel a timer recording in progress (even an express recording):

- Press and hold the STOP button for three seconds.

REVIEWING AND CLEARING PROGRAMS

To review programs that you have already set up:

1. Press 2 when the VCR MAIN MENU is displayed to display the TIMER RECORDINGS menu

```
TIMER RECORDINGS  
1 Create a New Program  
2 Review Existing Progs.  
3 Use VCR Plus+ Code  
  
0 Exit
```

2. Press 2 to display the REVIEW EXISTING PROGS screen

```
Program 1 (One Time)  
Channel 104 Cable  
Start Time 08:00 PM  
End Time 09:30 PM  
Start Date 11/18/99 THU  
Tape Speed SLP  
  
Press CLEAR to correct  
Press MENU for next prog
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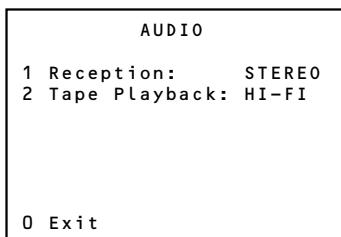
3. Press CLEAR to erase or MENU to see the next program.

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RECORDING BROADCAST STEREO OR SAP (SECOND AUDIO PROGRAM) TV PROGRAMS

Some TV programs are broadcast with stereo audio or SAP (Second Audio Program).

1. Turn on the TV and tune it to the VCR viewing channel (either 3, 4, or TV's video input).
2. Insert a tape with safety tab in place.
3. If your VCR viewing channel is 3 or 4, make sure the VCR indicator appears in the VCR's display panel. If not, press TV•VCR to turn it on.
4. Use the SPEED button on the remote to select a recording speed. The tape speed indicator appears on the TV screen.
5. Select the channel or line input to be recorded.
6. Set the reception: select STEREO/MONO/SAP feature for the type of audio you want to record. See *Other Features* section.



7. Press RECORD to start recording.
8. Press STOP when you are finished.

Video Input Channel Explained

If you having trouble understanding the VIDEO INPUT CHANNEL, turn to page 62 for more information.

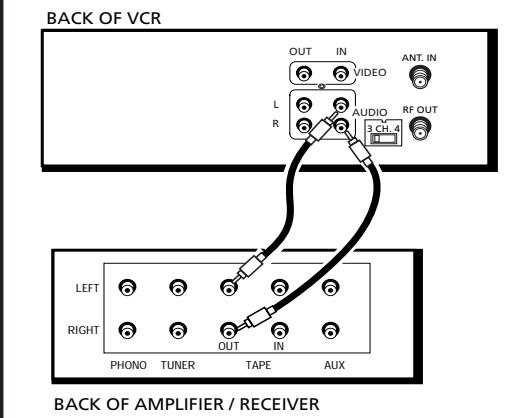
Recording audio only will erase anything that was previously recorded on the tape.

RECORDING AUDIO ONLY

You can record audio only from another audio source connected to the AUDIO IN (R and L) jacks on the back of the VCR.

1. Press the INPUT button on the remote to select the line input (LINE).
The VCR will record audio from the audio equipment connected to the AUDIO IN jacks.
2. Use SPEED on the remote to select the recording speed.
3. Start audio source playing and press RECORD (REC on the remote) to begin recording.
4. Press STOP when you are finished.

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PLAYING BACK AUDIO ONLY

To get stereo sound, connect the AUDIO OUT jacks of the VCR to the appropriate input on your amplifier or receiver. Do not use the phono input. Refer to your amplifier or receiver user's guide.

USING TWO VCRS FOR COPYING AND EDITING TAPES

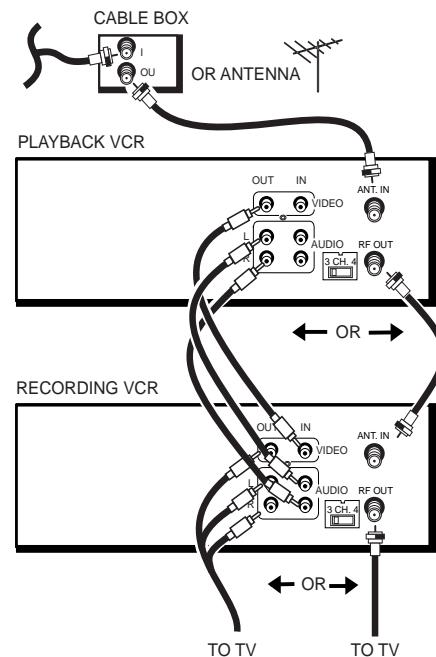
Use one VCR as the *playback VCR* and the other as the *recording VCR*.

1. Connect the VCRs using the diagram at the right
2. Turn on both VCRs and TV
3. Tune the TV to the VCR viewing channel (either 3, 4, or TV's video input). (See page 62 for INPUT information)
4. If you are using coaxial cables for the connection, tune *recording VCR* to channel 3 or 4—the one selected on the *playback VCR*
If you are using audio/video cables, select the line input on the *recording VCR*
5. Insert the tape you want to copy into *playback VCR*. Insert a blank tape with its safety tab in place into *recording VCR*
6. Using visual search, locate the segment you want to copy on the *playback VCR*. Pause the tape at this location
7. Press RECORD on the *recording VCR*, then PAUSE
8. Press PAUSE on both VCRs to begin copying
9. Press PAUSE on both VCRs to stop copying
10. Repeat steps 6–9 to copy or edit additional segments.

Caution:

The unauthorized recording of satellite broadcasts, television programs, or other copyrighted materials may infringe the rights of others.

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FEATURES TO ENHANCE VCR OPERATION

- Commercial ►► Advance™
- Movie ►► Advance™
- Picture Search Options
- Tracking
- Pro-Tect Plus Locking
- Time Counter
- On-Screen Displays
- Audio Reception
- Audio Playback

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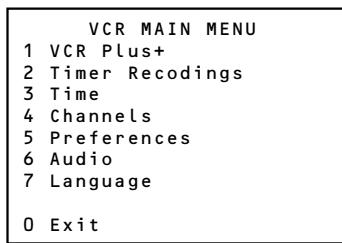
COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE

COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE is patented technology that detects and marks most commercials on your tape for any recording that is more than 15 minutes long. After recording, the VCR rewinds the tape to the beginning of the recording and determines where the commercials are located. It then marks the beginning and end of the detected commercial segments, and when finished, returns the tape to the end of the recording. **It does not erase commercials from the tape.**

During playback, the VCR automatically skips the detected commercial segments, or you can chose to manually skip them. This feature reduces three minutes of commercials to approximately 8-12 seconds of fast forwarding in the SLP speed. You can select a background display of blue or see the video as the commercials are skipped.

Because television signals do not indicate where commercials are located, this feature finds and marks them through a set of formulas based on how television is broadcast today. Since television stations broadcast differently and insert their own commercials, you may experience some variations in this feature's effectiveness. Station promotions, identifications, and announcements are not considered commercials, but might be skipped. For more information, see "Questions and Answers About COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE " in the References section. All of the COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE features are accessed through the Commercial Advance menu.

1. Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.



2. Press 5 to display the PREFERENCES menu.

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```
PREFERENCES
1 Remote Control: VCR1
2 Auto Play: ON
3 EnergySaver: 2:00
4 Front Panel: AUTO
5 Tape Speed: SLP
6 Commercial Advance

0 Exit
```

3. Press 6 to display the COMMERCIAL ADVANCE menu.

```
COMMERCIAL ADVANCE
1 Marking: ON
2 Playback: MANUAL
3 Display: Blue

0 Exit
```

Now you can select one of the COMMERCIAL ►► ADVANCE features.

COMMERCIAL ►► ADVANCE Marking

Press 1 to turn commercial marking ON or OFF.

- Select ON, and the VCR will mark commercials within approximately 30 seconds for the following types of recording:
 - **Timer, Timer with VCR Plus+, or Express Recording**
Sets the VCR to automatically mark commercials after the power is tuned off.
 - **Recording** Allows the VCR to prompt you to mark the commercials when you've stop the recording.

```
The VCR is waiting to
mark commercials in the
program you recorded.

1 Mark them now
2 Mark them later
3 Don't mark commercials

The VCR will begin
marking in 30 seconds...
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- Select OFF and the VCR will not mark the commercials.

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COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE Playback

Press 2 to switch between Playback: AUTO and MANUAL.

- Select AUTO to have the VCR automatically advance through the blocks of marked commercials.

It works with most 30, 45, and 60-second commercials.

A commercial group starting with the first two minutes or last two minutes of a recording will not automatically be skipped.

A commercial will not be skipped if a recording starts in the middle of a commercial segment, one isolated commercial is shown without others, or a commercial is longer than one minute. Press FWD to scan through the commercial.

Part of a recorded program may be skipped if the program segment is between commercials and less than one minute or there are frequent dark and quiet scenes. If part of the program is skipped, rewind the tape to the beginning of the skipped program segment and press PLAY.

- Select MANUAL and the VCR won't advance through the blocks of marked commercials until you press SEARCH.

If you press SEARCH during playback of material other than commercials, the VCR advances to the end of the next "marked" commercial block and resumes playback.

The VCR resumes playback when it reaches the end of the marked commercials.

COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE Display

Press 3 to switch between Display: BLUE or VIDEO.

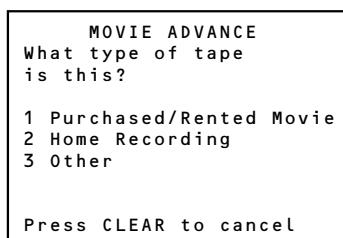
- Select BLUE to display a blue background when the VCR advances through the block of marked commercials.
- Select VIDEO to display the recorded video when the VCR advances through the block of marked commercials.

OTHER FEATURES

MOVIE ►► ADVANCE

MOVIE ►► ADVANCE helps you locate certain parts of prerecorded movies (rented or purchased). This feature works two ways: 1) you can go to the beginning of the movie, or, 2) you can skip from one preview to the next. MOVIE ►► ADVANCE works only on cassettes recorded in the SP speed with the safety tab removed.

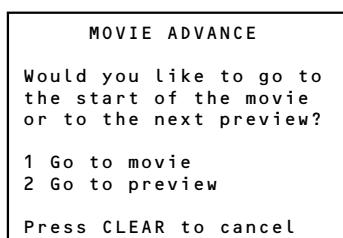
1. To select MOVIE ►► ADVANCE, insert a tape with the safety tab removed and press SEARCH. The following menu appears:



2. Press 1 if the tape is a purchased or rented movie, press 2 if it's a recording made at home, or press 3 if it's something else, you don't know, or you do not want to select MOVIE ►► ADVANCE.

Pressing 2 or 3 gives the same response and takes you to a different search feature. If you accidentally make a wrong selection, press STOP•EJECT on the VCR and reinsert the tape. Press SEARCH.

If you press 1, the MOVIE ADVANCE menu appears.

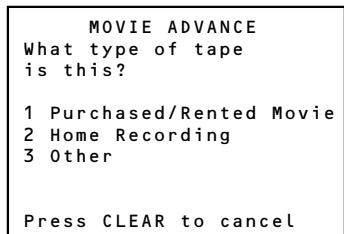


3. Press 1 to advance directly to the beginning of the movie or press 2 to view the first (next) preview.

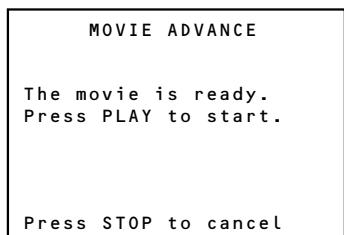
MOVIE ►► ADVANCE works only on cassettes recorded in the SP speed with the safety tab removed.

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- Press 1 to Go To Movie. The following screen appears with a blue background.

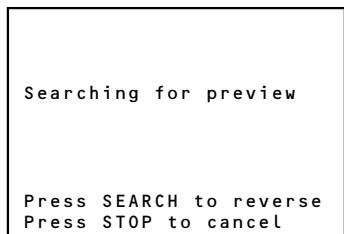


When the movie is found, the following screen is displayed:

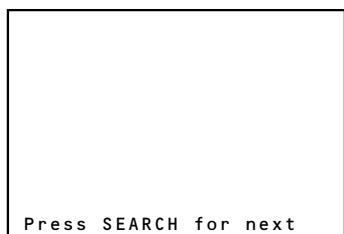


This display will time out after a few minutes and the VCR will enter the Stop mode.

- Press 2 to Go To Preview. The following screen appears with a video background:



When a preview is detected, the VCR cues it and begins playing.



Preview Search Note

Any time during the preview search mode, pressing SEARCH will reverse the search direction.

OTHER FEATURES

PICTURE SEARCH OPTIONS

The most basic way to search during playback is using the FWD or REV buttons on the remote. This section contains several other options available for searching a tape.

FORWARD AND REVERSE SEARCH

You can search a tape during playback. Sound is turned off during picture search. Search works well for tapes recorded at either the SP or SLP speed.

1. Press FWD to search forward or REV to search in reverse.
2. Press FWD or REV again or press PLAY to return to normal playback.

SLOW MOTION

You can view a tape during play or play-pause using slow motion. Slow motion works well for tapes recorded at the SP or SLP speed.

1. Press SLOW on the remote to begin slow-motion playback.
2. During playback, press PAUSE and then FWD or REV to begin slow-motion playback.
3. Press FWD to increase or REV to decrease the speed of the search.
4. Use TRACK up or down to remove any streaks from the picture.
5. Press PLAY to return to normal playback. The VCR switches automatically from slow-motion playback to stop after a few minutes.

OTHER FEATURES

FRAME ADVANCE

Frame advance lets you view recorded action one frame after another during playback. Frame advance works well for tapes recorded at the SP or SLP speed.

- Pressing PAUSE “freezes” the action
- Pressing F ADV repeatedly views single frames of the action
- Pressing PAUSE or PLAY returns normal playback.

INDEX SEARCH

The VCR has a “VHS Index Search System” that automatically records an index mark on the tape every time you start a recording.

During playback you can locate the program you want to play by the number of index marks or by scanning. The VCR will search forward or reverse from the location you are on the tape.

To Search:

1. Press STOP.
2. Press SEARCH on the remote to display the INDEX SEARCH on-screen display.
3. If you want to search through a certain number of index marks, press two number buttons to enter the number of marks you want to search. Press CLEAR on the remote to correct an entry.
4. Press FWD to search forward or REV to search in reverse. The VCR will locate your index mark and begin playback. If you did not enter a specific index number, the VCR will locate the next index mark and begin playback.
5. Press STOP to end index searching.

Some index marks may be missed by the VCR:

- A mark too close to your location on the tape
- The mark at the beginning of a recorded segment of five minutes or less
- The first index mark on the tape when you start at the beginning of the tape.

INDEX SEARCH
Press REV OR FWD
to begin scanning
OR
enter a specific
index number
—
Press SEARCH to exit

INDEX SEARCH
Searching for
index number 12...

Press STOP to cancel

INDEX SEARCH
Searching for
index marks...

Press STOP to cancel

OTHER FEATURES

GO-TO SEARCH

The Go-To Search feature enables the VCR to quickly locate a counter reading anywhere on the tape. When the VCR locates the counter reading, it will begin playback.

1. Press STOP.
2. Press SEARCH on the remote until the GO-TO SEARCH menu appears on the screen.
3. Press number buttons to enter the hour and/or minute of the counter reading you want the VCR to "go to." Press CLEAR on the remote to correct an entry.
4. Press FWD to search ahead or REV to search behind.
5. Press STOP to end Go-To searching.

GO-TO SEARCH
Current tape counter is
2:17:25
Press REV or FWD
to go to 0:00:00
Press SEARCH to exit.

TRACKING

Your VCR has automatic tracking which removes interference like streaks or "snow" from the picture. Automatic tracking is automatically activated when you insert a tape or turn on the VCR. Occasionally you may need to manually adjust tracking, especially if the tape was recorded on a different VCR. Just use the CHANNEL TRACKING buttons (TRACK on the remote) to reduce the distortion. You can also use tracking when you pause a tape to reduce jittering of the picture.

When you manually adjust the picture, automatic tracking is turned off. To turn automatic tracking back on, press both CHANNEL TRACKING buttons on the front of the VCR at the same time, or eject the tape and re-insert it. Tracking has no effect during recording—only playback.

If you insert a pre-recorded tape with the safety tab removed- Index, Go-To, and Blank searches are not available.

OTHER FEATURES

PRO-TECT PLUS LOCKING FEATURE

To disable the usage of the VCR, or to protect your timer recordings, you can lock the VCR so that the buttons on the VCR or remote won't work.

- **To Lock:** Press and hold the VCR button on the remote for approximately six seconds. All digits on the front panel flash when this feature is activated. Digits also flash if you turn on the VCR while locking is on.
- **To Lock While a Timer Recording is in Progress:** Press and hold the VCR button on the remote for approximately six seconds. All lighted digits on the front panel flash when this feature is activated.
- **To Unlock:** Press and hold the VCR button on the remote for approximately six seconds.

Locking Your VCR

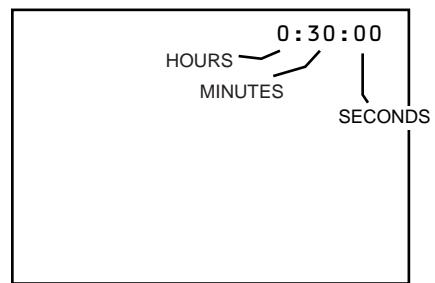
If a timer recording is programmed, make sure your VCR is turned off. Locking your VCR prevents the VCR from being accidentally turned on.

TIME COUNTER

The time counter shows the actual time it takes to record a program or play back a segment of a recorded tape. It helps locate the beginning or end of programs you taped. The time counter resets to 0:00:00 whenever the tape is ejected from the VCR.

For example, if you record a 30-minute program at the beginning of the tape and you want to go to the end of that program to begin another recording, you would:

1. Press **INFO twice** to display the time counter.
2. Press **CLEAR** to reset the time counter to 0:00:00.
3. Press **FWD** to forward the tape until the time counter reads 0:30:00.
4. Press **STOP**. This is the approximate end of the program. (You may want to press **PLAY** to verify.) Now, you can begin recording at this spot.
5. Press **INFO** twice to remove the time counter from the screen and return to the normal display mode.



Timer Counter on-screen display lists hours, minutes and seconds of a segment of tape.

OTHER FEATURES

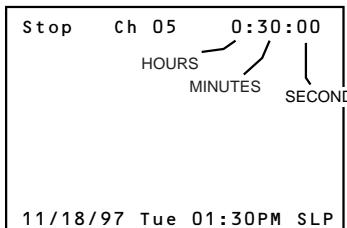
ON-SCREEN DISPLAYS

The INFO button shows the status of the VCR (STOP, PLAY, RECORD, etc.), channel number, time counter, date, time, and tape speed on the TV screen. The date and time must be set before they can be displayed.

1. Press INFO to see the on-screen displays.
2. Press INFO again to have only the time counter remain on the screen.
3. Press INFO again to have no displays appear on the TV screen. This is useful for dubbing tapes.

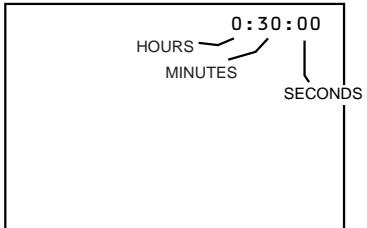
Turning off the VCR also resets the displays.

1



On-screen display (times out)

2



Time counter only (does not time out)

3

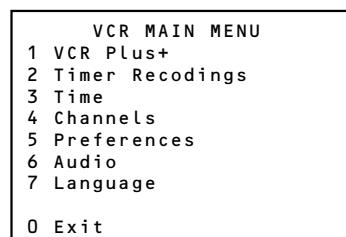


*No displays will appear
(useful for dubbing)*

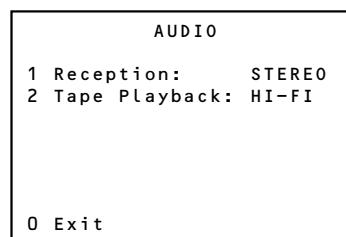
AUDIO SET-UP FEATURES

The audio set-up features enhance your tape playback and recordings. The features in this section are accessed through the AUDIO menu and are shown in the displays below.

1. Press MENU to display the VCR MAIN MENU.



2. Press 6 to display AUDIO menu.



Now you are ready to select an item from the menu to set up.

To receive Hi-Fi stereo sound, use audio-video cables with a compatible TV or receiver. Using only the RF OUT jack will not produce stereo sound.

OTHER FEATURES

RECEPTION

Some TV programs are broadcast with stereo audio or a Second Audio Program (SAP) which offers a second language. The reception feature lets you select the type of audio you want to record. Press 1 to switch between Reception: STEREO, MONO, and SAP.

- Select STEREO for normal or stereo broadcast TV recording.
- Select MONO if the stereo signal is weak and the sound is too noisy.
- Select SAP to record a Second Audio Program instead of normal audio on both the Hi-Fi and linear tracks.

TAPE PLAYBACK

The VCR records the same audio on both Hi-Fi and linear tracks on the tape. Hi-Fi sound is recorded on a separate left and right stereo channels. Monaural sound is recorded on the linear track. Press 2 to switch between tape playback: HI-FI, LINEAR, and MIX.

To enjoy Hi-Fi sound, connect your VCR to a stereo television or amplifier/receiver using the audio/video jacks. The Tape Playback feature lets you select which audio you use during playback.

- Select HI-FI to play back sound recorded on the Hi-Fi track and for normal use.
- Select LINEAR to play back sound recorded on a linear monaural track, such as a Second Audio Program (SAP), or a dubbed voice.
- Select MIX to play back the sound recorded on both the linear and Hi-Fi tracks, sound-on-sound.

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THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE CONNECTING COMPONENTS

Protect Your Components from Power Surges

- Connect all components before plugging any power cords into the wall outlet.
- Always turn off the TV and other components before you connect or disconnect any cables.

Position Cables Correctly to Avoid Audio Hum or Interference

- Insert all cable plugs firmly into their jacks.
- Place the audio/video cables to the sides of the TV's back panel instead of straight down the middle after you connect your components.
- Try not to coil any twin-lead cables and keep them away from the audio/video cables as much as possible.
- Make sure all antennas and cables are properly grounded. Refer to the Safety Tips sheet packed with your unit.

Protect Your Components from Overheating

- Do not block ventilation holes in any of the components. Arrange the components so that air can circulate freely.
- Do not stack components.
- Allow adequate ventilation when placing your components in a stand.
- Place an amplifier or satellite receiver on the top shelf of the stand so heated air rising from it will not flow around other components.

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CONNECTING YOUR VCR

Refer to these pages to help you connect your VCR.

JACKS AND CABLES

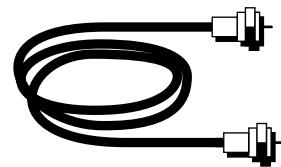
RF Jacks and Coaxial Cables (F-type)

The RF jacks provide good picture and mono sound quality, and must be used if audio/video connections are not available for your TV.

These jacks are required for antenna or cable-TV connections. The RF jacks on the VCR are labeled ANT. IN and RF OUT. The coaxial cable supplied with your VCR is used to connect the VCR's RF OUT jack and your TV's antenna input.



RF Jack



Audio/Video Jacks and Cables (RCA-type)

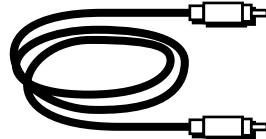
The AUDIO/VIDEO jacks provide very good picture quality and mono sound, and can be used if your TV has audio/video input jacks. For more information about input channels, see page 62.

These jacks are used for most audio/video connections between components. The VCR AUDIO/VIDEO jacks are color coded (yellow for video and white for audio).

If your TV only has two inputs for audio (stereo), you may need a Y-adapter to hear sound from both channels.



Audio/Video Jack



CONNECTIONS

CHOOSING A VCR CONNECTION

There are several different ways to connect your VCR, depending on whether or not you have cable service, and if you have a cable box, and whether some of the channels are scrambled, and maybe you have a satellite receiver along with cable (but no cable box), or a satellite receiver and no cable or... well, you get the picture.

Five connections are described in this section and one of them should provide you with a VCR connection that works.

- TV with RF Jack Only
- TV with Audio/Video Jacks
- TV with Audio/Video Jacks and Cable Box to Unscramble Pay Channels Only

If you need to connect additional components not shown in the diagrams here (and are unsure of how to connect them), refer to the instruction manual that came with that particular component.

ADVANTAGES OF AUDIO/VIDEO CABLE CONNECTIONS

Using a simple coaxial cable connection gives you good picture quality. If your television has audio/video jacks though, it is highly recommended that you use them to get even better picture quality and Hi-Fi stereo sound when recording and playing back videotapes. These connections give you more convenient operation by not having to share the TV's antenna signal. If you are having a hard time understanding AUDIO/VIDEO INPUT, refer to page 62 in the *References* section of the manual for more information.

CONNECTIONS

TV WITH RF JACK ONLY

This connection assumes:

- You are connecting antenna, cable, or cable box system.
- Your television has only an RF input jack.

This connection provides:

- Mono sound playback from VCR
- Record one channel while watching another (except when using a cable box for all channels).

To use this connection, you must have:

- (1) coaxial cable for cable or antenna connection; (2) for cable box.

To connect:

1. Connect cables as shown
2. Return to *First Things First*, then follow the steps.

Using This Connection

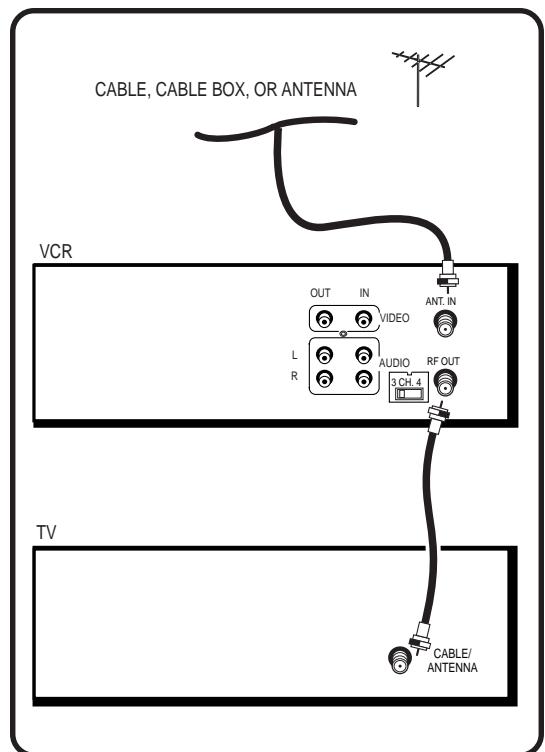
Tune your TV to channel 3 or 4, whichever one you selected with the 3 CH. 4 switch on the back of the VCR.

To play a tape:

1. Insert a tape
2. If necessary, press PLAY.

To record one program and watch another:

1. Begin recording a program using one of the recording features
2. Press the TV•VCR button and select a different channel on the TV.



CONNECTIONS

TV WITH AUDIO/VIDEO JACKS

This connection assumes:

- You are connecting an antenna, cable, or cable box system
- Your television has audio/video jacks.

This connection provides:

- Hi-Fi stereo sound playback from VCR
- Record one channel while watching another (except when using a cable box for all channels).

To use this connection, you must have:

- (1) coaxial cable for cable/antenna connection; (2) for cable box
- (2) audio/video cables

To connect:

1. Connect cables as shown.
2. Return to *First Things First*, then follow the steps.

Using This Connection

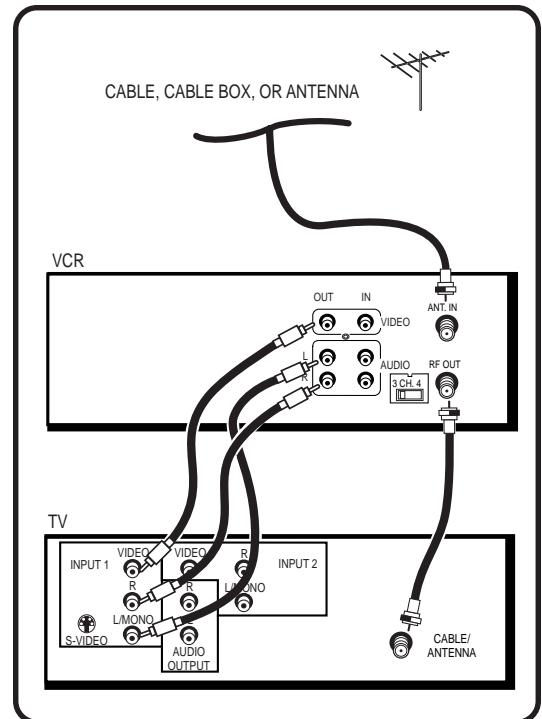
Tune your TV to its video input channel (see page 62 for more information). Use of TV•VCR button is not required.

To play a tape:

1. Insert a tape.
2. If necessary, press PLAY.

To record one program and watch another:

1. Begin recording a program using one of the recording features.
2. Select a different channel on the TV.



CONNECTIONS

TV WITH AUDIO/VIDEO JACKS AND CABLE BOX TO UNSCRAMBLE PAY CHANNELS ONLY

This connection assumes:

- You are using a cable box only to unscramble premium channels
- Your TV has audio/video input jacks.

This connection provides:

- Hi-Fi stereo sound playback from the VCR
- Recording a scrambled or unscrambled channel through the cable box while watching an unscrambled channel.

To use this connection, you must have:

- (3) coaxial cables
- (2) audio/video cables
- (1) splitter

To connect:

1. Connect cables as shown.
2. Return to *First Things First*, then follow the steps.

All scrambled channels must be viewed through the VCR.

Using This Connection

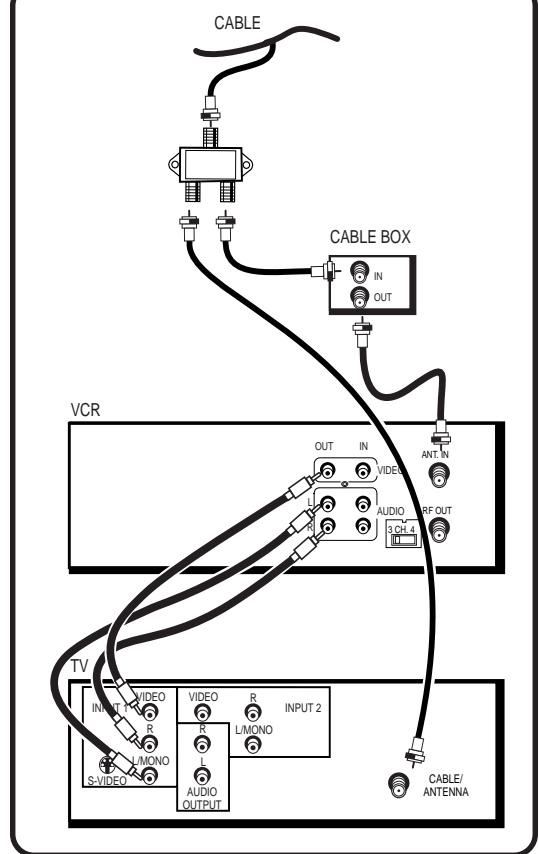
Tune your TV to its video input channel (see page 62 for more information). Use of TV•VCR button is not required.

To play a tape:

1. Insert a tape.
2. If necessary, press PLAY.

To record a scrambled or unscrambled program and watch another unscrambled program:

1. Begin recording a scrambled or unscrambled program through the cable box using one of the recording features.
2. Select an unscrambled channel on the TV.



APPENDIX: REFERENCE

This section gives you some additional information about the VCR, including a description of the unit's controls and displays.

You will also find the section, *Troubleshooting Tips*, and a question and answer section about **COMMERCIAL ►► ADVANCE** in this Appendix. These areas might help resolve some of those simple problems.

Finally, this section of the manual also contains your warranty information.

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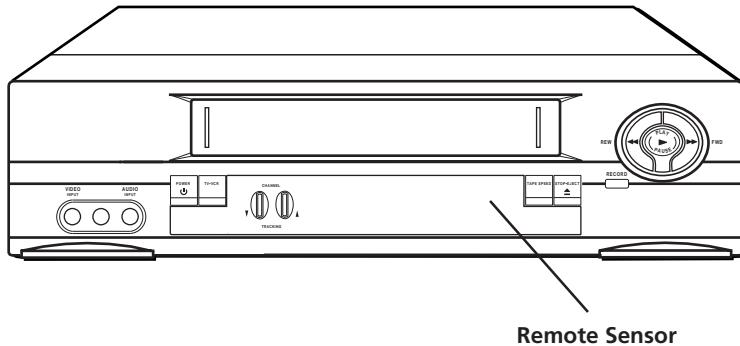
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FRONT PANEL



AUDIO (R and L mono) and VIDEO IN Jacks Receives signals from another component, like a VCR or camcorder, when it is connected to these jacks. Use INPUT on the remote to select "L2" to record from these jacks.

CHANNEL•TRACKING Up or Down Selects next higher or lower channel in the VCR's channel memory. Adjusts tracking when a tape is playing. Press both together to recenter tracking.

FWD Forwards the tape when the VCR is stopped. Searches the picture forward during playback. Starts slow motion during play-pause and increases slow-motion speed.

PLAY•PAUSE Plays a tape. Pauses action for viewing during playback. Pauses recording to prevent recording of unwanted scenes.

POWER Turns the VCR on or off.

RECORD Starts VCR recording. Used for express recording.

Remote Sensor Receives signals from the remote control. Aim the remote at this sensor.

REV Rewinds the tape when the VCR is stopped. Searches the picture in reverse during playback. Starts slow motion during play-pause and decreases slow-motion speed.

SPEED Selects a recording speed (either SP or SLP)

STOP•EJECT Stops the normal functions such as record, playback, rewind, fast-forward, or pause. Ejects the tape when the VCR is stopped. Indicator Panel

TV•VCR Switches the picture signal so that it either comes from the VCR or the cable/antenna system.

APPENDIX: REFERENCE

DISPLAY PANEL



TIME The current time appears. Only an AM indicator appears with the time. There is no indicator for PM.

TIME COUNTER This shows the actual time it takes to play back a segment of a recorded tape. This counter helps locate the beginning or end of programs taped.

REC INDICATOR Lights when the VCR is recording.

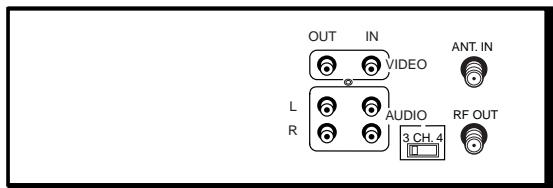
TIMER INDICATOR (L) Lights during an express or timer recording or when the VCR is set for a timer recording and the VCR is turned off. Flashes when the clock is not set. Flashes when the timer recording is set and there is no tape in the VCR.

VCR INDICATOR (Applies only if the VCR Viewing Channel is 3 or 4.) Press the TV•VCR button on the remote or front VCR panel to turn on or off.

- VCR Indicator on: Picture from VCR
- VCR Indicator off: Picture from the TV channel.

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BACK PANEL



3 CH. 4 Switch Selects the channel to which you will tune the TV to see the VCR picture if you connect the VCR using one of the basic hookups.

AUDIO (R and L) and VIDEO IN Jacks Receives signals from another component, like a VCR or camcorder, when it is connected to these jacks. Use INPUT on the remote to select "L1" to record from these jacks.

AUDIO (R and L) and VIDEO OUT Jacks Sends signals from VCR to another component, like a TV or VCR, when it is connected to these jacks.

ANT IN Jack Receives a signal from an antenna or cable system when attached.

RF OUT Jack Passes signal to TV using the cable supplied.

APPENDIX: REFERENCE

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

No power

- Check to make sure it is plugged into an operating outlet.
- Check to make sure your connections are correct.

VCR does not respond to remote

- Check to make sure there are no objects between the VCR and remote.
- The batteries may need changing.
- Make sure the Remote VCR1/VCR2 setting is set to VCR1 so the remote that came packed with your VCR can operate it.

Poor or no picture for normal TV viewing

- Check to make sure the VCR indicator is off.
- Check to make sure the TV is switched to an active channel.
- Check to make sure the antenna connections are secure and correct.

Snowy or no picture during playback

- Press TV•VCR to turn VCR indicator on.
- Check TV channel selected (3 or 4) to make sure it matches the channel selected with 3 CH. 4 switch on back of VCR.
- Check to make sure the TV's fine tuning is correct for the channel you have selected.
- Check video cable connections between VCR and TV monitor.
- Check to make sure the TV monitor is set to video input (see page 62 for more information).
- Try another tape.
- Some snow/streaks are normal during search, stop action, frame advance, and slow-motion playback.

Streaks in picture during normal playback

- Press one of the TRACKING buttons to move streaks up or down for the best picture.
- Check to make sure the tape is of good quality and not worn out.

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TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS (CONT’)

Time counter not working or time counter not working in search modes

- The time counter does not advance during unrecorded portions of tape. When an unrecorded segment of tape is encountered, the time counter will hold its count until recorded material is detected again.
- A minus (–) will appear in front of the time if you rewind the tape farther back than a counter reading of 0:00:00.
- The time counter disappears during search; this is normal.

Will not record or play

- Check to make sure there is a tape in the VCR.
- Try ejecting and reinserting the cassette.
- Check to make sure the tape is not broken.
- Check to make sure the VCR is not in pause mode. Press PAUSE or PLAY to return to normal playback.
- Check the ProTect Plus™ feature.

Rewind does not operate

- Check to make sure the tape is not already rewound.

VCR Plus+ programming system or timer recording not made or wrong program recorded

- Check to make sure the correct VCR Plus+ code is entered.
- Check to make sure the cable box or satellite receiver was turned on when recording was to begin.
- Check to make sure the program was entered correctly (wrong channel or times).
- Power interruption. Reset the clock.
- Check to see if time and date are correct – including AM/PM.
- Check to make sure the program did not exceed the tape's length or the tape was not rewound beforehand.
- Check to make sure the VCR was turned off at the time recording was to start.
- Check to make sure there was a tape in the VCR and the cassette's safety tab was intact.
- VCR ejects cassette when the end of the tape is reached during a timer recording.
- Check to make sure VCR Plus+ setup was completed correctly.

APPENDIX: REFERENCE

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS (CONT')

Will not record

- Check to make sure the safety tab is intact.
- Check to make sure the VCR is not in the line mode. Press INPUT on the remote.

Clock shows incorrect time or date

- Power interruption.
- Check to make sure the clock is set accurately (check AM/PM and date).
- Check Daylight-Saving setting. The clock may have adjusted for daylight-saving time.

Time did not adjust for Daylight-Saving time

- Check to make sure daylight-saving feature is set correctly.

VCR makes noise when stopped

- VCR is removing tape from heads. This is normal. The head cylinder inside the VCR will continue to rotate for a few minutes after you put the VCR in the stop mode.

Will not AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH active channels correctly

- Check to make sure the antenna connections are secure and correct.
- Check to make sure the Signal Type: CABLE/ANTENNA feature is set correctly.
- If Detect Automatically was selected for the Signal Type in the AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH menu, try using either CABLE TV or ANTENNA instead.
- May not be necessary if using a cable box for all channels. Contact your local cable company for more information.

Tape plays back in slow motion

- Press PLAY to return to normal playback.

Cannot select channels over 69

- Cable channels over 69 can only be selected if Signal Type: CABLE/ANTENNA feature is set to CABLE.

Cassette with safety tab removed does not start to play automatically

- Check to make sure the AUTO PLAY ON/OFF feature is set to ON.

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TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS (CONT')

TIMER indicator flashes

- The clock is not set.
- Check to make sure there is a cassette in the VCR when a timer recording is set.
- TIMER and RECORD indicators flash when the ProTect Plus™ Locking feature is activated.

Time counter disappears during searching

- This is normal.

On-screen menus appear in English, French, or Spanish

- Check LANGUAGE feature.

No stereo sound during playback

- Check to make sure the TAPE PLAYBACK feature is set to Hi-Fi to hear stereo sound during playback. The tape you are paying must be recorded in Hi-Fi in order to use the HI-FI feature.
- Must use the AUDIO/VIDEO jacks on the back of the VCR to hear stereo sound.

Stereo audio too noisy

- Stereo signal is weak. Set reception: STEREO/SAP/MONO feature to MONO.
- Press one of the TRACKING up or down buttons to minimize the noise.

Index and Go-To search features do not operate

- Check to see if MOVIE ►► ADVANCE feature is activated.

Cannot access MOVIE ►► ADVANCE feature

- Cassette must have safety tab removed and be recorded in SP speed.
- Home Recording was selected for the tape type in the menu. Eject cassette and reinsert.

VCR forwards through commercials or momentarily displays a blue screen during playback.

- Commercial Advance Playback feature is set to AUTO. Set it to MANUAL.

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TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS (CONT’)

COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE feature does not mark commercials when:

- The Marking feature is set to OFF in the COMMERCIAL ADVANCE menu. Set it to ON.
- A recording is less than 15 minutes or the commercial is longer than one minute.
- A single isolated commercial can not be marked.
- Recording started in the middle of a commercial segment.
- A commercial group within the first or last two minutes of a recording.
- Accuracy and effectiveness can vary depending upon program content and the characteristics of the commercials.
- A commercial is between 30-and-45 seconds and 45-and-60 seconds.
- Effectiveness may vary when local television stations insert their own commercials.

Commercials recorded even though COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE feature was set to ON.

- COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE is designed to record the commercials, mark them, and then skip over the marked commercials during playback.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE

Will commercials be scanned through only on playback of recordings?

Yes. The VCR does not rewind and mark commercial segments until after recording is finished.

How fast does the COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE VCR scan through the commercial breaks?

In SLP tape speed, a 3-minute commercial break is scanned through in approximately 8-12 seconds. In SP, it takes about 25-35 seconds.

Are commercials still recorded if I want to watch them?

Yes. The recorded program, including commercials, can be viewed by setting the Playback feature to MANUAL.

What if the VCR scans forward through part of my program?

Simply rewind the tape to just before the skipped segment, and press PLAY to view the program.

Once a recording has been marked, does COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE work each time the tape is played?

Yes. If the Playback feature is set to AUTO, the marked commercials should be skipped each time the tape is played in a COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE VCR.

After marking commercials, is the tape left at the beginning or end of the recording?

The tape is left at the end of the recording so it is in position to begin additional programmed recordings.

Does the marking process interfere with other programmed recordings?

No. If two or more recordings are programmed together without sufficient time to mark the first recording, marking will take place after all recordings have completed.

What happens if the marking process is interrupted?

Marking can be interrupted to allow use of the VCR. Marking will resume again when the VCR's power is turned off as long as the tape has not been ejected from the VCR.

Does COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE work in all recording speeds?

Yes, COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE works in SP and SLP.

Will COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE marked recordings work in non-Commercial Advance VCRs?

A COMMERCIAL►►ADVANCE marked recording will play in a non-commercial advance VCR, but commercials will not automatically be skipped.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Format:	VHS
Record/Playback System:	Video: 4-head Audio: Mono record/playback system
Video Signal System:	EIA standard: NTSC color
Antenna:	75-ohm external VHF/UHF combined antenna terminal
Tuner:	USA: 181 channels capability* (125 cable channels) Canada: 178 channels capability* (122 cable channels)
Type:	AutoProgramming frequency synthesis
Power Requirement:	120V AC, 60 Hz
Power Consumption:	17 watts
Dimensions:	3.54 inches high (90 mm) 14.96 inches wide (380 mm) 10.94 inches deep (278 mm)
Weight:	7.9 pounds (3.6 kg)
Storage Temperature Range:	- 22°F to +149°F (-30°C to +65°C)
Operating Temperature Range:	+41°F to +104°F (+5°C to +40°C)

*Check your cable company's compatibility requirements.

CLEANING THE VCR

Use a soft cloth or dusting attachment of your vacuum cleaner to dust your VCR. Remove dust from the ventilation holes on the top, back, sides, and bottom of the cabinet.

Plastic surfaces are easily scratched and can be marred by alcohol and various solvents. Avoid excessive use of oil-based furniture polishes since the materials used in the cabinet will accumulate more dust. We recommend using a nonabrasive, antistatic cleaner and polisher.

Specifications are subject to change.

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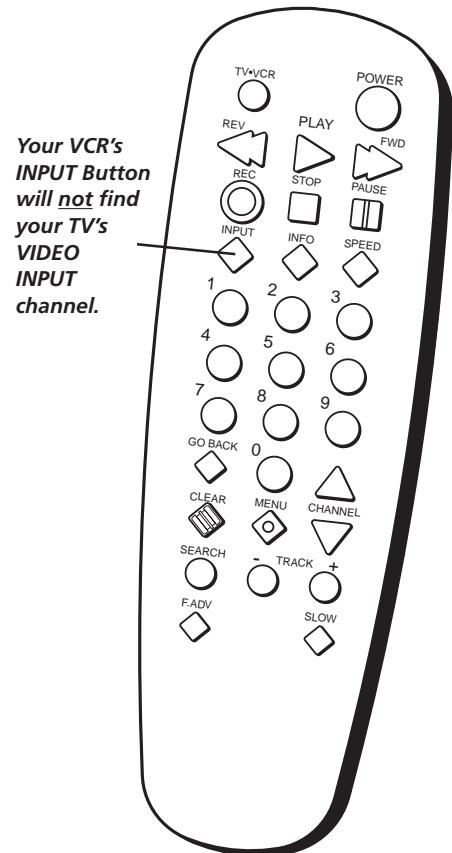
HOW TO FIND YOUR TV'S VIDEO INPUT CHANNEL

You need to tune your TV to the Video Input Channel if you are using the VCR's VIDEO/STEREO OUT jacks to connect to the TV's VIDEO/STEREO INPUT jacks. You must select this "channel" before you can see the VCR's menus, the cable or antenna reception, and the content that's on a tape, but you cannot do it with your VCR's remote control.

The video channel on TVs varies for different brands and different models. Below are some steps to try:

- pressing a button on the TV's remote (see table below)
- selecting the channel from the TV's menu system (see table below)
- tuning directly to the channel by selecting a specific channel number (see table below)
- going through all the channels in the channel list by pressing the channel up or down buttons on the TV.

Some common scenarios are listed in the Video Input Channel Variations table that follows:



Common Scenarios for Video Input Channel Variations

Button/Switch on the TV	Button on the TV Remote	Channel Number
VIDEO	VID 1	00
SIGNAL	LINE	90
VID 1	VID	91
VID 2	VIDEO	92
S-VID	S-VID	93
S-VIDEO	INPUT	VID 1
	S-VIDEO	VID 2
	SOURCE	
	AUX	

Remote Control Input Button

The VCR remote's INPUT button will NOT find your TV's VIDEO INPUT channel. This button only finds the VIDEO INPUT channel of your VCR which you would use if you plugged a camcorder into your VCR's A/V IN jacks.

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LIMITED WARRANTY

What your warranty covers:

- Any defect in materials or workmanship.

For how long after your purchase:

- Ninety days for labor charges.
- One year for parts.

The warranty period for rental units begins with the first rental or 45 days from date of shipment to the rental firm, whichever comes first.

What we will do:

- Pay any Authorized RCA VCR Service Center the labor charges to repair your VCR.
- Pay any Authorized RCA VCR Service Center for the new or, at our option, refurbished replacement parts required to repair your VCR.

How you get service:

- Take your VCR to any Authorized RCA VCR Service Center. To identify your nearest Authorized RCA VCR Service Center, ask your dealer, look in the Yellow Pages, or call 1-800-336-1900.
- Show the Authorized Service Center Representative your evidence or purchase date or first rental.
- Pick up your VCR when repairs are completed.

What your warranty does not cover:

- Customer instruction. (Your Owner's Manual clearly describes how to install, adjust, and operate your VCR. Any additional information should be obtained from your Dealer.)
- Installation and related adjustments.
- Signal reception problems not caused by your VCR.
- Damage from misuse or neglect.
- Cleaning of video/audio heads.
- Batteries.
- A VCR that has been modified or incorporated into other products or is used for institutional or other commercial purposes.
- A VCR purchased or serviced outside the USA.
- Acts of God, such as but not limited to lightning damage.

Product Registration:

- Please complete and mail the Product Registration Card packed with your VCR. It will make it easier to contact you should it ever be necessary. The return of the card is not required for warranty coverage.

How state law relates to this warranty:

- This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you also may have other rights that vary from state to state.

If you purchased your VCR outside the United States:

- This warranty does not apply. Contact your dealer for warranty information.

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